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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Our Regular Correspondent Writes From th National Capitol.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact, none the less, that when the Spaniards lay to ambush the rough riders at Gaussimas in Cuba the man was too eager, and shot at the head of the column before it got well into the line of fire. There is a remarkable similarity about the things that have happened in the political world this week. Whether the Harriman letter with the attendant discussion was responsible for springing the mine too soon, it is impossible to say. If that discussion had not arisen, political enemies of the administration might not have gotten gay and talked so much. But the fact remains that someone leaked, and about the prettiest plot on record in American politics has been spoiled.

It is alleged that Senator Penrose got extra communicative at a dinner recutly and announced there was a scheme afoot, not to beat the president for the renomination, because it is not generally believed he would take the mination under any oiroumetanoce but to beat his plan for getting a free man and a man after his own heart nominated by the republican party. The details of the plot are a little too explicit and probable to make it seem all talk. It was to the effect that the railroads and big corporate interests, including Harriman, H. H. Rogers and the rest of the Standard Oil crowd, had started a fund of \$ 5,000,000 to thwart the president in the next campaign in securing a man for the republican nomination who would carry out the president's policies. The scheme was to get delegates in all the states pledged to Roosevelt on the first ballot, and thus presumably pledged to the president's choice after he had declined the nomination, which it was confidently expected he would do. The program was then to stampede them on the second, ballot to some man not at all of the president's choice. It is said that Senator Penrose attended a dinner recently, and to put it in plain language, got drunk and talked to much. The story was heard by one of the friends of the president who was at the dinner, and he ness shop.

promptly related it at the White

Of course Senator Penrose came out with a prompt denial of his role in the story. After he had denied it thor nighly, it was stated at the White House that his name had never been mentioned in connection with the matter, nor the name of anyone else. But the president was said to have all the details of the story in his possession, and both he and his real friends will be on their guard from now till the next republican convention against any realization of such a plot.

Altogether it is a remarkable story and one that has been in the air for whole plot was spoiled because one over a week. It was believed there was something doing under the surface in the way of opposition to the president, and that the railroads were at the bottom of it in revenge for what they considered was ungenerous treatment at the hands of the administration. But that anything so widespread and finished in the way of a conspiracy was afoot was not generally credited. There are a good many republicans now who say that the president has been deceived and that there is no such organized opposition to him as he believes, and the avowed opponents of the administration are laughing and tapping their foreheads significantly to indicate something radically wrong mentally. But it is believed none the less that the plot story is in the main correct, and it has served to put the friends of the administration very thoroughly on their guard.

The attitude of the Harriman interests before the interstate commerce commission this week has been that of men deeply wronged in an effort to do what was right. Arguments are being heard by the commission from the counsel for the railroads and the special attorneys for the commission to decide what course should be taken in regard to the questions that Mr. Harriman refused to answer at the recent New York hearing, and what sort or a report should be made to the attorney general on which he might base a prosecution if he saw fit under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Local Matters.

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M. L. Potter, a Chicago commercial traveler, spent last Sunday here with his brother, O. A. Potter, and family

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Mrs. C. C. Bigger and Mrs. W. H. Woods are at Moberly attending a convention of the woman's foreign missionary society.

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